

Board of Pharmacy

Initial Statement of Reasons

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation: Emergency Contraception

Sections Affected: 1746

Specific Purpose of the Proposed Changes:

The Board of Pharmacy has proposed to add Section 1746 to implement the statewide protocol for pharmacist furnishing of emergency contraception established by Senate Bill 490 (Chapter 651, Statutes of 2003).

Factual Basis/Rationale

Senate Bill 490 (Chapter 651, Statutes of 2003) amended Section 4052 of the Business and Professions Code to permit a pharmacist with specified training to furnish emergency contraception to a patient without a prescription based on a statewide protocol approved by the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board of California. Existing law permits such furnishing by a pharmacist with specified training based on a protocol established between the pharmacist and a prescriber. The Board of Pharmacy has proposed this regulation to implement this provision and create an enforceable protocol for pharmacists.

Underlying Data

None.

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This initial determination is based on the absence of testimony indicating adverse economic impact regarding these rulemaking proposals at the informational hearings held by the board.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.